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the agreement made between the Czechoslovak Republic and the Hungarian People's Republic concerning mutual aid in the field of the Iron industry. the chairman have agreed upon the main principles of cooperation between the two countries in the production of rolling mill products. The main principles of this cooperation are:

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- 1) Use of Hungarian ingots in the Czechoslovak Republic for semi-finished goods and finished rolling mill products.
- 2) Through mutual exchange of rare profiles the unprofitable rolling of a small quantity of certain profiles will be done away with.
- 3) Through the exchange of stock lists, rolling mill products which are in stock will be exchanged.

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it is to the advantage of the German Democratic Republic to make such agreements with the countries of the People's Democracy for the year 1954. Due to the specific technical content of such agreements the Ministry of Foreign and Interzonal Trade can be competent only in the commercial aspect of the transaction. These agreements would have to be concluded under the responsibility (Federfuehrung) or that of the State Planning Commission.

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in this field negotiations between the Ministries of Foreign Trade of the two countries do not yield results; for example,

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during the 1953 trade agreement negotiations, that

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ingots to be supplied by the German Democratic Republic be processed into bars and rolling mill products in Czechoslovakia [REDACTED] received a refusal, while the direct negotiations between the chairmen of the State Planning Commission of Hungary and of Czechoslovakia led to the above mentioned agreements.

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